

traveler's destination location;

selecting by the traveler a delivery location, which is associated with the destination location, to which the at least one item will be delivered;

arranging for the at least one item to be supplied;

arranging for the at least one supplied item to be delivered to the selected delivery location; and

conducting a transaction with the traveler for the traveler to obtain the at least one item.

2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of arranging for the at least one item to be supplied further comprises for each of the at least one requested items the steps of:

accessing at least one supplier of the requested items, each supplier having a location and having at least one item available for being obtained by the traveler;

selecting a supplier in accordance with availability of the item and the location of the supplier relative to the selected delivery location; and

arranging for the selected supplier to supply the item.

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein the step of arranging for the at least one item to be delivered further comprises, for each requested item, the steps of:

accessing at least one shipper, each shipper designating at least one possible source location from where to ship an item and at least one possible target destination for where to ship an item;

selecting a shipper that designates the location of the selected supplier supplying the item as the possible source location and the selected delivery location as the possible target destination; and

arranging for the selected shipper to ship the item from the supplier to the

selected delivery location.

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein the step of conducting a transaction with the traveler further comprises:

for each item, transacting with the selected supplier to supply the item;

for each item, transacting with the selected shipper to ship the item; and

transacting with the traveler based on results of the transactions transacted with each selected supplier and each selected shipper.

5. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

registering an unregistered traveler making a request by accepting and storing personal data and preference data about the traveler;

storing the request as history data;

accessing the personal data, preference data and history data including previously stored requests of the traveler; and

providing suggestion data to the traveler based on the accessed personal data, preference data and history data of the traveler, the suggestion data providing suggestions for requesting items.

9. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the request from the traveler includes one or more of: at least one image and a description of the at least one item being requested.

11. (Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the step of providing an item to be supplied that matches the item data is interactively performed including the steps of providing the traveler with a representation of a selection of at least one item being supplied; allowing the traveler to determine if the selection of at least one item being supplied matches the item data; and allowing the traveler to suggest at least

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one matching item

20. (Amended) A method for providing a service for a traveler to acquire at least one item at the traveler's destination comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from a traveler for obtaining at least one item at the traveler's destination location;

selecting by the traveler a delivery location, which is associated with the destination location, to where the at least one item will be delivered;

providing the traveler with an option to one of rent and purchase the at least one item;

arranging for the at least one item to be supplied;

arranging for delivery of the at least one item to the selected delivery location; and

conducting a transaction with the traveler for the traveler to obtain the at least one item.

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25. (Amended) The method according to Claim 20, wherein when the traveler selects the option to rent the at least one item, further comprising the step of arranging for the at least one item to be returned.

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REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 16, 2002. Claims 1-11, 20-22 and 25 are pending in the application with Claims 1 and 20 being in independent form. Claims 23 and 24 have been cancelled.

In the Office Action, confirmation of an election of one of species I-II is required. Applicants confirm the provisional election made during a telephone conversation with the Examiner of January 11, 2002 of species I, including Claims 1-11 and 20-25. Applicants reserve the right to preserve the filing date of withdrawn Claims 12-19 and the right to the filing of one or more divisional applications.